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Pictured from left, Rob Herjavec and his children, Sophia, 3, Niko 7, Luka 5, and wife Monica take in a movie at the Can-View Drive-In Saturday night.



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Rob Herjavec remembers the excitement of being a child and spending Saturday night at the drive-in with his family.

"I've been coming since I was a kid," he said.

"It's nice to sit outside with the family under the stars."

The Niagara Falls resident carried on the tradition Saturday night at the Niagara's only drive-in, the

Can-View Drive-In, on Hwy. 20 near Hwy. 405.

With his three youngsters, Niko, 7, Luka, 5, Sophia 3, and his wife Monica, Herjavec spent the evening munching on popcorn and took in a viewing of *The Smurfs 2*.

With the hatch open on the back of their van, the Herjavec children rested comfortably in their palamas and wrapped in blankets in the crisp summer night air.

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The show goes on at the drive-in

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■ SHORT HILLS PROVINCIAL PARK

MNR talking new deer hunt

JEFF BOLICHOWSKI
QMI Agency Niagara

The Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources has confirmed negotiations are ongoing for another deer hunt at Short Hills Provincial Park.

The hunt comes in the wake of the controversial First Nations-only hunt in January, during which residents protested as aboriginal hunters took seven deer.

"There has been interest in holding another archery-only hunt," ministry spokeswoman Jolanta Kowalski said.

She said no final decision has been made as to when the hunt would go on, but it would likely be a week-end affair in which the park would be closed.

Hunting is not normally allowed at the park, but Kowalski said First Nations'

right to hunt there is affirmed in the Canadian constitution.

The prospect of a new hunt has already raised some residents' hackles, said Robin Zavitz, whose property backs onto Short Hills. She said she and other concerned citizens have formed a group, the Short Hills Wildlife Alliance, to oppose the hunt.

"They are going to try to do the same thing they did last year," she said.

"I don't care who you are. This is home to these white-tailed deer. They've been protected for 30 years and they should stay that way."

Zavitz said she's concerned for the safety of those around the park. Many people living in the area access the park through their yards, she said, rather than through the three main entrances.

"Even if they [give advance

notice] this year, there's just no way they can secure the boundaries of this park."

Last year's hunt was held by the Haudenosaunee Confederacy. It's unclear which group is seeking a hunt this year.

The hunt proved particularly divisive, with groups against the outing picketing as native hunters poured through the park.

"Our goal is to ensure that what happens, happens safely," Kowalski said.

She said any new hunt would likely be similar to the previous one.

Zavitz said she's hoping her group can prevent the hunt from going forward.

"My issue is not about native rights, and I realize they do have the treaty right to hunt in a provincial park," she said. "My issue is safety."

■ CONSTRUCTION: Set to start soon



SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo

Nick Loscavo looks at the designs for the soon-to-be Isaac Riehl Skate Park.

Skateboarders looking forward to new park

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Curious residents and skateboarders got an up-close look at what the Isaac Riehl Skate Park will look like when it's complete.

With ground breaking on the park this week — it will be built at Marlene Stewart Street Park — town staff were out and about in Peace Park last Thursday afternoon to give the public an opportunity to view design creation in partnership with New Line Skateparks Inc. the com-

pany selected by the town's skatepark design committee.

"We're all still looking forward to the skate park and enjoying it," said local long-boarder Nicholas Loscavo.

Loscavo said he knows many skateboarders who can't wait to grind their wheels on the new facility, which is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

"A lot of my friends have talked about it and we're just ready for it to be there," he said.

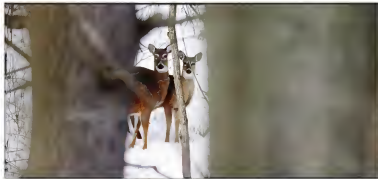
His children are grown, but Keith Winger said his

grandchildren will likely use the new skatepark when they come to visit.

Winger welcomed the skatepark and it's new design because it will keep more youth from skateboarding and longboarding on the road.

"I think they should have a place to skate," he said.

"Overholt Rd. is a nice spot to longboard but it shouldn't be closing. The kids will have somewhere to go," Winger said of council's decision to not close a hilly section of the street.



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Deer were spotted grazing in Short Hills Provincial Park in this file photo taken in January

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MOVIES

Drive-in a tradition for many families

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"I think being able to stay up late is a big part of the excitement for the kids, especially when their bedtime is 8 p.m.," Rob Herjavec said of his children's excitement.

Although Herjavec has been coming to the drive-in at least once a year since he was a child, this past weekend was the first time he brought his children.

Going to the drive-in is a tradition for many people, drive-in manager Steve Forrest said. He called watching a movie at a drive-in a family activity that carries with it a sense of nostalgia for adults remembering a simpler time.

"I hope we've been able to carry on that tradition. Picture someone being carried in from the van by their father after seeing a movie at the drive-in, and doing it for their own kids when they are older."

The outdoor theatre has been a popular activity during evenings and weekends in the summer for 30 years in Thorold, Forrest said, adding the allure of the drive-in has yet to fade, even though some people might think it has.

Forrest, who has managed the independently-owned drive-in for 11 years, said movie lovers of all ages come to Can-View to catch a flick.

"We see the same faces every week. There are a lot of families, but it depends on the product which is very diverse from kids movies to teens movies and adult movies," he said.

Attendance depends on the weather but on a good night 800 cars come rolling into the outdoor theatre to watch movies on four

SCREENS

Even though there are plenty of regulars who come to the drive-in, Forrest said being in the movie business isn't easy because the facility doesn't generate much revenue.

Last spring, the Thorold drive-in switched from 35 mm film to an all-digital format. The change came with a \$500,000 pricetag for the drive-in. Although he isn't sure, Forrest said he believes if not all, most theatres, will be required to go digital by the end of next year.

The drive-in season is short and 80% of the drive-in's revenue is generated during July and August when students aren't in school.

Forrest said there is an incentive program offered through movie studios that will give a portion of the funds back to movie theatres over the next decade for upgrading from film to digital.

"Going digital is cheaper than film and because the studios are saving so much money. It remains yet to be seen how much anyone will get back," he said.

The benefits to going digital are noticeable because movies shot digitally have a clear, brighter picture with no cracks, or pops and the images don't jump out of the frame.

But sometimes Forrest misses having to thread a film onto a reel. To be a film projectionist required a licence to properly be educated in how to run projectors and handle film.

"I knew what they [projectors] sounded like, I knew what they smelled like and I could instantly tell if something wasn't working right."

But a lot has changed

with the digital age, Forrest said, and admitted some of his staff who've grown up with technology are better

*Now being digital, the younger staff are more quali-

fied to be up there than me."

As long as the drive-in continues to draw crowds, Forrest said the film will

continue to roll onto the screen, even if it's in a different format.

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Tories' woes might tempt election call

The perfect election storm is brewing. Take internal conflict within the Progressive Conservative party.

Add a Tory contempt motion that could cause gridlock when the legislature returns next month. Throw in a Liberal Party smarting from losing three seats in by-elections and who are nervously watching the NDP under Andrea Horwath steadily grow in popularity. It could mean we go to the polls sooner rather than later.

Premier Kathleen Wynne could ask Lt.-Gov. David Onley to dissolve the legislature, saying the Tories tactics are making the province ungovernable. The Liberals could ambush the PCs while they're dealing with internal squabbles.

Wynne dismissed election speculation last week. Tory Leader Tim Hudak is facing a revolt from within, although I'm hearing the leadership review is unlikely to get support from the party's executive. Key caucus members such as Whitty-Oshawa MPP Christine Elliott and Thornhill's Peter Shurman are speaking out on the folly of creating schisms within the party.

Shurman told me such dissent would be like "taking a gun and aiming at your foot."

"It doesn't make sense that a dozen or so party members decide you're going to hold a leadership vote at a time when there's an imminent election."

Elliott says while people are disappointed in the by-election outcomes, the party needs to rally behind Hudak.

"We need to make sure we're ready for the next election with a strong and united team," she said.

Even Carleton-Mississippi Mills maverick Jack MacLaren is supporting Hudak.

The September Tory bunfight renegades hope to crash was supposed to be a policy convention, crucial to the party platform. The lesson many Tory insiders are taking from the by-elections is that voters are moving to the centre-left and they want their platform massaged away from some of the hard-right policies they'd mulled earlier. Newmarket-Aurora MPP Frank Klees, who was portrayed in earlier reports, as supporting the leadership review, says he backs his leader. He says it's "grossly unfair" to suggest he's running for the leadership or is undermining Hudak.

Next month the auditor general will release a report on the costs associated with scrapping the Oakville power plant. Liberals might well decide to pull the plug early to save themselves more embarrassment. Liberals have their own organizational problems as demonstrated in the by-elections.

The only party sitting pretty is the NDP.

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■ COLUMN

Wakeboarding on Lake Niapenco

The Niagara Peninsula Conservation Authority (NPCA) covers the watershed that includes all of Niagara region, a small portion of Hamilton County and about 20% of Hamilton.

It is the Hamilton section that is home to the Binbrook Conservation area. This site is the home of Lake Niapenco, the largest inland lake in the NPCA watershed. It acts as a reservoir for the Welland River. Located just outside the village of Binbrook, this park is accessible by road for admission to a large area which includes a swimming beach, beach volleyball area, paddle boat, canoe, kayak and rowboat rentals (no gas motors allowed), a children's spraypad, nature trails for hiking and cycling, observation platforms, a play area, a fishing pier and a boat



BRIAN BATY

REGIONAL COUNCIL VIEW

launch. The park is open from May 1 to Oct. 14 and a season pass is available.

Our extended family set out last Friday to explore the facility and to check out the latest attraction, the Border Pass wakeboarding facility. The extended family included my two sons, an eight-year-old and 12-year-old grandsons and a five-year-old granddaughter who were treated to land and water training on the wakeboards. The course is set up under a wire that extends between two large metal towers. Chris Smith, the co-owner,

guides the speed and direction of the rope which is attached to the wire by turning dials on a large, hand-held remote control. The wakeboarders slip into boots that are attached to the board and are told to start off crouched with the board sideways in the water.

Once the board is moving forward, the wakeboarder is supposed to slide their butts forward to be over their feet and then slowly rise to the almost vertical position. Then the wakeboarder is supposed to move their arms to the right or left to turn the board straight in the water. The term, "supposed to" is used quite often as not all wakeboarders get it on their first pass.

Jordan Hale was the instructor for these novice wakeboarders. He is an Aussie whose accent and humour made the learning experiences

a lot of fun. After the third slip, he told one grandson: "Now that you have tried it your way the last three times, why not try it my way and see what happens!"

Sure enough, he made it the full length of the course without tipping. When my granddaughter was up a woman in the audience said that it looked very hard to do.

The answer back was pretty clear: "Let's put it this way: she's only five years old and she gets it!"

At the end of the day all five novices had mastered the wakeboarding course down and back. We'll leave it for another day to try the flips or ride the rails.

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Zucchini Fest winners



The first annual Zucchini Fest was held at the Pelham Farmers Market on Aug. 15. The winners (pictured from left) are Kendra Duhanel with the most colourful entry, a penguin; Chloe Duhanel with best use of vegetable material, a beaver; and Abigail Phillips, best use of a zucchini, snowman with broom and sled.

Supplied photo

■ **PUBLIC MEETING:** Community invited to have their say

Town hosting workshop on longboarding safety

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

How can longboarders stay safe while riding in Pelham?

Have your say during a problem solving workshop at Pelham Fire Station 2 on Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 6 p.m.

"We are interested in hearing from all stakeholders," town clerk Nancy Bozzato said.

Everyone from longboarders, their parents, and business owners to residents are invited to attend the meeting but they must register before Aug. 30 at noon.

Pelham council agreed to organize the workshop at an Aug. 12 council meeting in response to concerns over longboarding safety. Council also made a decision that no options recommending the permanent closure of town roads would be

a solution.

Depending on the amount of people who register, Bozzato said attendees will be divided into groups to discuss their concerns and make recommendations.

The point of the meeting is to "gain the perspective of different stakeholders," Bozzato said. The clerk encourages those interested in attending the workshop to register as soon as possible so town staff may accommodate a large number of people.

Registration forms may be picked up at town hall or on the town's website at www.pelham.ca. For more information e-mail Bozzato at njbozzato@pelham.ca or register by telephone at 905-892-2607 ext. 315.

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■ PUBLIC SAFETY: Raises to be given out in increments

Three-year deal for NRP

JEFF BOLICHOWSKI
QMI Agency Niagara

Niagara Regional Police will receive three years of raises step by step in the service's first negotiated contract since 2005.

A new three-year contract was ratified by the Niagara Police Services Board and Niagara Region Police Association Aug. 8 and 15 respectively. Police in Niagara will get a 2.6% raise this year and 2.5% in 2014 and 2015. But it will be broken into six-month intervals to help Niagara Region save money.

"There was movement on both sides, which allowed us to realize a fair and equitable contract for our members," said police association president Cliff Priest.

He said the contract was welcome because it's only

the second time this decade the board and the union have been able to negotiate a deal. The last contract went to an arbitrator.

"My membership is very pleased that we were able, for once, to negotiate a contract instead of having to go to arbitration," he said, noting arbitration is pricey on all sides.

The new contract affects 697 uniform members and 301 civilian members of the police service.

Police board chair Henry D'Angela said the contract allows for cross-district deployment. That means if one of Niagara's police districts is short an officer, another can be transferred from a different district, avoiding the need to call someone to work overtime.

He said the split raises will save the Region money. Officers will get 1.4% retroac-

tive to Jan. 1 of this year, 1.2% inactivative to July 1, 1.4% in January 2014, 1.1% in July 2014, 1.3% in January 2015 and 1.2% in July 2015.

"It's the lowest that we've seen it in years. We're quite pleased to get it to that situation," D'Angela said.

He said the board was glad not to go to arbitration.

"We just didn't want to head down that road after an arbitrated settlement just a couple of months ago."

Arguing the previous arbitration, he said, cost the board \$400,000.

"At the end of the day, these numbers are really reasonable compared to what's out there," D'Angela said.

Priest said the contract brings Niagara police closer to wage parity with their peers in other jurisdictions.

"We're still not there," he said.

D'Angela said, "When you do look at some of the other numbers that have come in, ours are a little lower. We're quite pleased with that."

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During their regular meeting on August 12, 2013, Pelham Council agreed to organize a creative problem solving session with key stakeholders regarding longboarding in Pelham. At that time, Council also made a decision that no options recommending the permanent closure of town roads would be considered as possible solutions.

All members of the community interested in providing input regarding longboarding in our town are invited to a creative problem solving session on **Wednesday, September 4th, 2013, at 6 p.m. at Pelham Fire Station #2 (766 Wendall Road in Fenwick).**

If you are interested in joining us as we attempt to answer the question **How Might We Ensure the Safety of Youth Longboarding in Pelham?**, then please confirm your attendance by **registering before noon on August 30, 2013**. Registration forms are available on www.pelham.ca, by calling (905) 892-2607 ext. 315 or ext. 320, or by coming to Pelham Town Hall. For more information, please contact nbozzato@pelham.ca or jnamoliti@pelham.ca.

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■ LIVING HISTORY: Tree in Pelham

Comfort Maple is older than Canada

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

The maple tree is an iconic piece of Canadians, and Pelham is home to the oldest living maple tree in the country.

At 500-years-old, the Comfort Maple is a sugar maple tree that stands about more than 30 metres high feet tall and is around four metres in circumference.

But, it's a well-hidden behemoth.

It's nestled between three

farm fields and the only access to it is a small gravel lane off of Meder Rd. between Balfour St. and Centre St.

Niagara Region Conservation Authority's Mary Stack, the director of communications, said despite its easily-missed location, thousands of people from around the world seek it out.

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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Director of communications for the Niagara Conservation Authority Mary Stack hugs The Comfort Maple in Pelham.

Stack admits there's no proof of the tree's real age. In 1975, the tree's age was

estimated by judging its height and circumference. "They didn't want to dig

into the tree because they might damage it and they didn't want to risk that."

The tree has been through a lot in its lifetime. In the 1960's it was struck by lightning and split down the middle. A company used concrete blocks to successfully stabilize half of the tree.

Today the tree is healthy and continues to grow and change with the seasons.

Many of its branches are held up with metal wire to ensure they don't fall off, but it doesn't take much to maintain the tree.

Stack said that conservation authority employees will visit it once a week to make sure everything is in order and the tree has enough water. They'll also stop by when bad storms are expected or happening.

The Comfort family gave the tree and the land it's on to the conservation authority in 1961 because, Stack said, they knew the tree was special.

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IN BRIEF

CONSTRUCTION TO START

PELHAM — With the Isaac Riehl Skate Park expected to begin construction in Marlene Stewart Street Park this month and completed by the end of the year, council has allocated \$42,764 in donations

it received to fund any additional costs during construction.

New Line Skate Board Company has been hired to build the skate park at a cost of \$398,000, but the concept design didn't include colouring of the concrete, park landscaping and park furniture.



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Pharmacists RINGWORM

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Management for superficial fungal infections involves some simple non-drug methods, and over-the-counter remedies in the form of sprays, lotions and creams. Affected individuals should try to reduce moisture in the affected area. Loose-fitted clothing made of cotton or material that absorbs moisture should be worn. The skin should be dried completely before covering with clothing. If the infection involves the feet, flip flops should be worn with bare feet to prevent spread to others and reinfection.

There are also many topical antifungal agents available. Examples include CANESTEN CREAM (clotrimazole), NIZORAL SHAMPOO (ketoconazole), and MONISTAT-DERM (miconazole), to name a few. Creams and solutions are useful because they can be rubbed into the area. Solutions work in hairy areas because they are easier to apply. Powders can serve as useful additions to creams and solutions. They are helpful when the infection is wet or oozing, or where a drying agent is needed. When applying the antifungal product it should be applied to the lesion as well as one to two inches around the lesion. The antifungal should also be used for one to two weeks after lesions clear to reduce the rate of recurrence.

Patients who have diabetes, or those who are immunosuppressed may need prescription oral therapy. It is best for your doctor to assess these fungal infections. Fungal infections of the nail are also resistant to over-the-counter treatment.

There are some home remedies for treating nail fungus. Patients have tried applying VICKS VAPORUB and tea tree oil. There is not a lot of evidence to suggest the efficacy of these products for this condition, however some people may wish to try them before resorting to an oral medication.

If you think you may be affected by a fungal infection there are a number of treatment options available. Most issues can be resolved with some persistence and the proper product. Please speak to your pharmacist about what option is best for you.

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Pictured is Vibe featuring vocalist Taylor Trepanier, pianist Kendra Trepanier, guitarist Conor Kovals, bassist Andrew Gemmel and bassist Brad Kelly. The band, along with another local band, Anywho, performed in the parking lot of Presentations last Thursday.

Bandshell show



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Liberty Silver, presented by Marando Family Dentistry, will perform at the Thursday Night Concert Series in Peace Park at 7 p.m. today. She was the first black woman in Canada to receive a Juno Award in 1985. Liberty Silver shaped the foundation of R&B and soul for an entire generation of black female singers in Canada.

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■ **PELHAM:** Dog park proposed

Town ready to let the dogs out

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

Pelham resident Pam DeFazio would like to see her four-legged

companion, a Jack Russell named Jack, roam free in a park of his own. It's a cause DeFazio, chair of the Pelham Dog Park Committee, has been championing since February

2011.

With a little luck, DeFazio said Pelham could potentially see a dog park as early as 2014.

"The latest news is that we met

with town staff and the (Niagara) region in July," she said.

DeFazio said the dog park may be built on an old landfill site on Centre St. The piece of property is currently owned by the region. Agreements with the town and region are required before moving forward with the park.

DeFazio said architectural designs have been completed and the project is expected to cost \$100,000.

"The town has asked us to raise \$10,000 or 10% of the cost of the park," she said.

DeFazio said there are a number of benefits to a dog park that extend to people, not just the four-legged critters.

Dog parks allow people to play with their animals, which can be therapeutic, it promotes exercise and provides a sense of community to people, DeFazio said.

In a presentation to Pelham council Monday night, DeFazio told councillors there are more than 500 dog parks in Canada, including 200 in Ontario.

She said St. Catharines has two

dog parks, and Niagara Falls, Port Erie and Port Colborne each have one.

The project requires council's approval to move forward and a report is expected to be presented at a September council meeting.

Welland plans to open a leash-free park at Prince Charles Dr. and Ontario St. by the end of the year.

Welland's general manager of integrated services Richard Morwald said the city's 2013 budget has approved \$115,000 for the park but the park can't move forward until agreements are reached with the city, the Welland Recreational Canal Corporation and the Niagara Region.

The location must also be approved by Welland council.

Morwald said the location proposed for the dog park is ideal because it's easily accessible, has adequate parking, is highly visible and doesn't intrude on a residential area.

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Pelham resident Pam DeFazio, with her dog Jack, would like to see a leash-free dog park in the community.

■ NEWFOUNDLAND PONIES: Once nearly extinct



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Rose Cook, left, will display her rare Newfoundland pony, Callie at fairs throughout Niagara this fall along with partner, Laura Spies and her Newfoundland pony, Chanel.

Ponies important in Canadian history

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

PORT COLBORNE — Callie and Chanel are members of a once dying breed.

The three-year-old Newfoundland ponies are two of the less than 400 left in the world.

When Rose Cook and Laura Spies heard the plight of the ponies, they had to help.

After a long search, they bought the pair in May and hauled them to Port Colborne from Cobden, Ont., to raise awareness about the pony and its history.

"They were part of our heritage," Cook said. "People should know more about that and it isn't right what was done to them in Newfoundland."

The ponies originated on the British Isles and were sent to Canada with early settlers. They tilled the fields, pulled carts in mines and hauled fishing lines, kelp or hay.

After industrialization they were set free and eventually residents complained the animals were eating their crops and gardens.

The ponies were rounded up in droves and taken to slaughter houses until their populations were so decimated, they were almost extinct.

Equine breeders in Ontario rescued

some and the Canadian government established experimental farms to breed them.

"They have such great personalities," Spies said. "They are an all around great pony. They are hard workers and they are very social. Children used to play with them after they finished their work. The people who settled with them wouldn't have survived without them."

The pair will be touring the fair circuit in Niagara and Hamilton to give people a better idea of the history and importance of the Newfoundland pony.

They will be at the Marshville Heritage Festival from Aug. 31 to September 2, Niagara Regional Exhibition from Sept. 14 to 15, Wainfleet Fair from Sept. 20 to 22 and the Ancaster Fair Sept. 19 to 22 and possibly the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair in Toronto from Nov. 4 to 10.

Fair visitors will be able to pet the ponies and possibly feed them treats.

The Newfoundland pony is a mix of many different breeds and is not yet considered a breed of its own. It is a type of pony, but many breeders, clubs and owners including, Spies and Cook hope that with more public knowledge of the pony it will gain status with international organizations.

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SARAH FERGUSON Staff Photo
Judy Baky looks at old photographs of her family and remembers the terror she felt when she fled Hungary after the Second World War.

■ **MEMORIAL:** Black Ribbon Day honours the millions terrorized

Dark days remembered

SARAH FERGUSON
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — It was in March 1944 that Judy Baky remembers German soldiers marching into Hungary under

Adolf Hitler's orders.

Hungary joined the Axis forces in 1940 and had participated in the invasion of the Soviet Union.

During the war against the Soviet Union, Hungary began secret peace negotiations with the United States and the United Kingdom. Hitler discovered the betrayal in 1944, which led German forces to occupy the central European nation.

"He (Hitler) did it so quickly. Hungary, at that point, was ready to have serious talks with the western world," the now 88-year-old said.

However, the infamous Nazi leader wasn't the only despot who terrorized the Hungarians. More than 17 million people were terrorized under Soviet leader Joseph Stalin's rule, Baky recalled.

The memory of communist and Nazi rule that threatened Baky's family and millions of others continues to be felt all over the world today.

That's why Baky, along with dozens of others, this Friday will honour the memories of those who suffered and died as a result of Nazi Germany and Stalinist rule. A ceremony, the first-ever held in Niagara, will be held at the Hungarian Self Culture Society Hall in Welland.

The day was designated as Black Ribbon Day in 2009 by Parliament to honour those affected. The date is significant because on the same day in 1939, the Soviet Union and Nazi Germany agreed to divide eastern Europe between themselves.

REMEMBER

A remembrance ceremony which will feature a program presented in English with the participation of both federal and provincial governments.

When: Friday at 4 p.m.

Where: Hungarian Self Culture Society Hall, 361 Hellmets Ave., Welland.

Why: The event which is recognized and held all over the world commemorates the casualties of Communist and Nazi rule.

"(Hitler) was very forceful and a lot of people suffered," Baky said of why she left Hungary as soon as she was able to.

Baky was 19 when she fled Hungary with her husband in 1945.

"Whoever could run, fled. It's a terrible feeling because you never knew what could happen because the communist Russians were always close behind us."

Many of the people Baky knew in her community had been arrested and thrown in jail, including her own father who was a member of the Hungarian military. Many of her friends were taken to labour camps and forced to work under horrendous conditions.

"They became the Communist's slaves," she said.

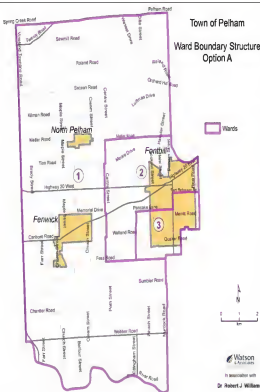
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WHAT IS THIS?

The Council of the Town of Pelham passed By-Law #3402 (2013) on August 12, 2013, pursuant to Section 222 of the *Municipal Act*, 2011, for the re-division of Pelham wards, as shown on the adjacent map.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

Any person or agency may appeal, within 45 days of the passing of the by-law, to the Ontario Municipal Board in respect of the by-law by filing with the Clerk of the Town of Pelham, a notice of appeal setting out the objections to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objections.

The notice of appeal must be accompanied by a certified cheque or money order in the amount of \$125 made payable to the Minister of Finance. Any notice of appeal must be filed with the Town Clerk at the address below, no later than 4:30 p.m. on **September 26, 2013**.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Additional information regarding By-law #3402 (2013) may be obtained from Nancy Bozzato, Town Clerk, at (905) 892-2607, ext. 315; from the Town of Pelham website at www.pelham.ca; or by attending the Office of the Town Clerk at Pelham Town Hall.

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■ EDUCATION

Dress code in effect

VICTORIA GRAY
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — Chandra Collee will spend more than \$1,000 to send her children to school in two weeks.

But she's looking forward to it.

The Collees have eight children, six who attend St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School, where a new dress code policy will be in effect.

"We've had to save and cut back on some things this summer, but I think it will be worth it in the long run," she says.

Some of her children weren't too happy when they found out they couldn't wear their favourite shirt or running shoes to school, but now that they've tried on their new clothes they seem to be OK with the idea.

Niagara Catholic District School Board last November voted to approve a standardized dress code policy for its elementary students starting in September.

It does have its advantages.

"There won't be as much conflict in the morning because there will only be so many options," Collee says. "There's a lot to do in the morning with all of them and then driving them to school. It will be nice to have one less thing to worry about."

All students in Niagara's Catholic elementary schools must now wear a navy or white polo or oxford shirt and navy pants, shorts, skirts or capris or navy dresses. Black shoes are also a must.

When Collee was younger she attended Notre Dame College School. She says she enjoyed wearing a uniform because she knew what she was wearing every day — she didn't have to think about it.

For her children, Collee has already purchased summer outfits from the Gap and Old Navy, which she believes will pass the dress code.

"It's vague," she says. "Some parents ask (me) if



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo
Chandra Collee is prepared for Sept. 3 when six of her eight children—Nelson, Hannah, Avery, Ella and Parker—will return to St. Kevin Catholic Elementary School with brand new uniforms.

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they think this will work or that will work. I worry about the navy sweaters I bought (my children) and the denim — is it dark enough?"

■ MEMORIAL

FROM PAGE 16

Baky feared being one of many who were taken right from the streets and sent to labour camps to work.

"Some were taken to work in Russia and Siberia. Some of them were there for years and years. A lot of them died there and worked in primitive facilities."

She went to Australia for two years before she emigrated to Canada and came to reside in St. Catharines.

"The Baky's decided the Niagara Peninsula would be the best place to get a fresh start and lessen the burden on their heavy hearts. The Welland resident said she lived in St. Catharines for 40 years before settling in the Rose City.

"The Niagara Peninsula is known for its grapes and we Hungarians we like our wine," she said with a laugh.

To make ends meet, Baky worked on a farm on Stewart Rd. in Niagara-on-the-Lake picking tomatoes.

"We came to Canada because we didn't want to be captured and we really did make a beautiful life together."

Baky went on to work many different jobs in her life, including cleaning, working in a hospital, cooking in her own restaurant. She she is thankful for all of the opportunities she has been afforded.

She said she is blessed and continues to be thankful for escaping from Europe at a time when it was under such turmoil.

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South Niagara Canoe Club commodore Brian Roy won seven medals, including three gold, competing for Canada at the World Dragon Boat Championships in Szeged, Hungary.

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■ DRAGON BOATING

World beaters

BERND FRANKE
PelhamNews Staff

WELLAND — When the world came to Welland for the 2013 International Canoe Federation Junior and Under-23 Canoe Sprint World Championships, it wasn't a one-way visit.

While upwards of 800 athletes from 63 nations were competing at the flat-water centre here, a paddling cultural exchange was taking place at the same time in another part of the world.

Ten members of the

Welland-based South Niagara Canoe Club were in Szeged, Hungary, representing Canada at the World Dragon Boat Championships.

And to say Canada was well-represented by its 400-strong contingent of athletes and coaches would win the gold medal for understatement.

"We cleaned up, we dominated. They got sick of hearing of *O Canada*," said Brian Roy, the South Niagara Canoe Club's head coach.

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■ DRAGON

Roy won medals in seven of eight events

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Roy was also part of the men's and mixed senior A crews that competed for Canada at the worlds in Hungary.

The 42-year-old kinesiology professor at Brock University alone won two gold medals, two silvers and two bronze with Canada claiming a total of 50 medals, 30 of them gold.

Roy, who medalled in

seven of his eight events, said China won seven gold medals to finish a distant second overall at the 30-country competition.

He ranked Canada's first-place finish in the mixed 500 metres as the highlight of his time competing in Hungary, a central European country of 10 million that is among the world's powerhouses for flatwater sports.

"That's the standard race

distance in dragon boating. That gives Canada a pretty good indication of where we stand in the world."

Dragon boaters in seven age categories, from 15- and 16-year junior crews to people in their 70s, also raced 200-, 1,000- and 2,000-metre distances. The event attracted more than 3,500 athletes.

"It was a huge event on the water and on the land. The stands were packed every

day."

Given that Hungary won the most golds at the worlds in Welland with eight, it's fitting Canadian dragon boat crews with so many from the Welland canoe club paced the pack at the worlds in Hungary. Accompanying Roy to Szeged was fellow coach Doug Jones, who coached Canada's three entries in the over-60 class, Verna Dagleish, Steffan Fridriksson, John

Hibbert, Sue Humphries, John Gagnon, Dianne Gauvin, Steve Levkoe and Lindsay Sale.

Sally Rennick, Roy's wife and coach of South Niagara's Hope Floats dragon boat team of cancer survivors, made the trip to Hungary as manager of the Canadian contingent.

Dragon boating, a flatwater sport and "team-building exercise" that puts 20 pad-

dlers, a drummer and a steerperson into a large canoe, by far the most popular of the three paddling activities offered by the South Niagara Canoe Club. Roy estimated as many as 70 of the club's 85 members are involved in what he described as "the most accessible of sports."

"People who never really think of themselves as athletes can come out and participate in this sport."



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Five skaters from the Niagara Centre Skating Club competed at the Skating Club of Western New York. Pictured from left are skaters Christy Mengemann, Meghan Good, Caitlyn Bergeron, Coranne McKinnion and Jillian Nadeau.

■ FIGURE SKATING

Skaters receive top honours

Pelham News Staff

WELLAND — Five skaters from the Niagara Centre Skating Club returned from a competition held recently at the Skating Club of Western New York with a handful of honours.

Caitlyn Bergeron took top honours with first place in spins, jumps, compulsory move and footwork.

Coranne McKinnion also

earned first in compulsory moves, and took third in spins.

Daley Good earned second in compulsory moves and jumps and took fifth in group.

Christy Mengemann earned second place in spins, third place in jumps and fifth in group competition, followed by Jillian Nadeau who won third in compulsory moves and fifth in group competition.

The five Niagara skaters earned 11 out of 42 club points.

The winter session is gearing up at the Niagara Centre club and will be holding registration at Aug. 21 at Pelham arena from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Aug. 27 from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Port Colborne Arena and Sept. 14 at the Welland Community Wellness Complex from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.



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